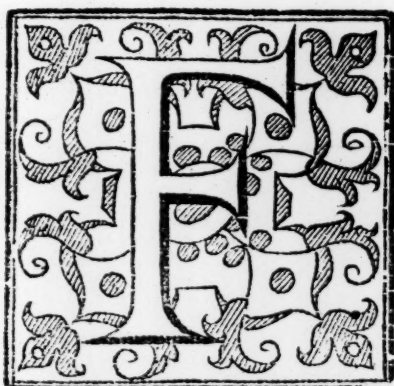


By the King.

A Proclamation signifying his Maiesties pleasure, That all men being in Office of gouernment, at the decease of his most deare, and most royall Father King *James*, shall so continue, till his Maiesties further direction.



Orasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, lately to call vnto his infinite mercy, the most high and Mighty Prince, King *James*, of most blessed memory, the Kings Maiesties most deare and entirely beloued Father, by whose decease, the authority and power of the most part of the offices and places of Jurisdiction, and gouernement within this Realme, and in the Realme of Ireland, did cease and faile; the Soueraigne person failing, from Whom the same were deriued; And thereupon, through doubtfulness, or want of authority, in such persons, as were inuested in the said offices and places, the settled and ordinary course of Justice, and of the affaires of State, (if remedy be not provided) might receiue disturbance, and preiudice, by discontinuance, and interruption; The Kings most excellent Maiestie, in his Princely wisdom, and care of the State, (reseruing to his owne iudgement hereafter, the reformation & redresse of any abuses in misgouernment, vpon due knowledge & examination thereof,) is pleased, and hath so expressly signified, that all persons that at the time of the decease of the late King, his dearely beloued Father, were duely and lawfully possessed of, or inuested in any office, or place of authority, or gouernment, either Ciuill, or Martiall, within this Realme of England, or in the Realme of Ireland, or in any other his Maiesties Dominions belonging thereunto; And namely, all Presidents, Lieutenants, Vicepresidents, Judges, Justices, Sheriffes, deputy Lieutenants, Commissioners of Musters, Justices of peace, and all others in place of gouernment, either meaner, or superiour, as aforesaid; And all other officers & ministers, whose interests and estates in their offices are determined, or ceased by the meanes afoze mentioned, shall be, and shall hold themselves continued in the said places and offices, as formerly they held and enjoyed the same, vntill his Maiesties pleasure be further knownen.

And that in the meane While, for the preservation of the peace, and necessary proceedings in matters of iustice, and for the safety & service of the State, all the said persons, of whatsoeuer degree or condition, may not faile, every one severally, according to his place, office, or charge, to proceed in the performance and execution of all dueties thereunto belonging, as formerly appertained vnto them, and every of them, while the late Kings Maiestie was living.

And further, His Maiestie doeth hereby will and command all and singular His Highnesse Subjects, of what estate, dignitie or degree, they, or any of them be, to bee ayding, helping, assisting, and at the commandement of the said officers and ministers, in the performance, and execution of the said offices and places, as they, and every of them, tender His Maiesties pleasure, and will answere for the contrary, at their bittermost perils.

And further, His Maiesties will, and pleasure, and expresse commandement is, That all orders and directions made, or giuen by the Lords of the Prīue Councell of the late King, in his life time, shall bee obeyed, and performed by all, and every person and persons, and all, and every thing, and things to be done thereupon, shall proceed as fully and amply, as the same should haue beene obeyed or done, in the life of the said late King, His Maiesties most deare, and entirely beloued father.

Giuen at the Court at S. Iames, the eight and twentieth day of March, in the first yeere of His Maiesties Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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